



SINE INSTITUTE
of POLICY & POLITICS

Reimagining Political Leadership: *Young Americans' Engagement*

Young Americans' Engagement

- We asked respondents about 10 different causes and activities (and also allowed them to volunteer additional civic interests).
- For each cause/activity, we asked:
 - Do you identify/align with it?
 - Do you participate/take action around that cause? (or have you done so recently?)
- 91% of all young Americans name at least one cause/activity that they identify with; 81% say they identify with three or more causes/activities
- 75% report participating in at least one cause/activity; 48% participate in three or more causes/activities

Taking an inventory of young Americans' engagement reveals a generation actively connected to purpose and principle.

	I identify and feel aligned with this goal	I have participated in some activity related to this goal
Efforts to help people who lack resources and need assistance with things like food, clothing and shelter	64%	43%
Efforts to help children through tutoring, mentoring or other programs that benefit kids	62%	36%
Efforts to support and advocate for people who face discrimination	62%	32%
Efforts to address climate change and protect the environment	57%	31%
Efforts to express your faith or religious beliefs	41%	28%
Efforts to protect free speech	66%	25%
Efforts related to reproductive health issues including abortion	57%	25%
Efforts to stand up for traditional values	39%	21%
Efforts to reduce gun violence	56%	20%
Efforts related to the situation between Israel & Gaza	35%	18%

Partisanship is a main driver of young Americans' civic participation; women and LGBTQ+ individuals are leaders in community engagement.

Participated in some activity related to this goal:

Efforts to address climate change and protect the environment	39%	23%
Efforts to reduce gun violence	25%	16%
Efforts to help people who lack resources and need assistance with things like food, clothing and shelter	43%	46%
Efforts to protect free speech	23%	25%
Efforts related to reproductive health issues including abortion	29%	20%
Efforts to stand up for traditional values	17%	28%
Efforts to support and advocate for people who face discrimination	37%	28%
Efforts related to the situation between Israel & Gaza	25%	13%
Efforts to express your faith or religious beliefs	25%	34%
Efforts to help children through tutoring, mentoring or other programs that benefit kids	37%	41%



Democrats

39%

25%

43%

23%

29%

17%

37%

25%

25%

37%



Republicans

23%

16%

46%

25%

20%

28%

28%

13%

34%

41%



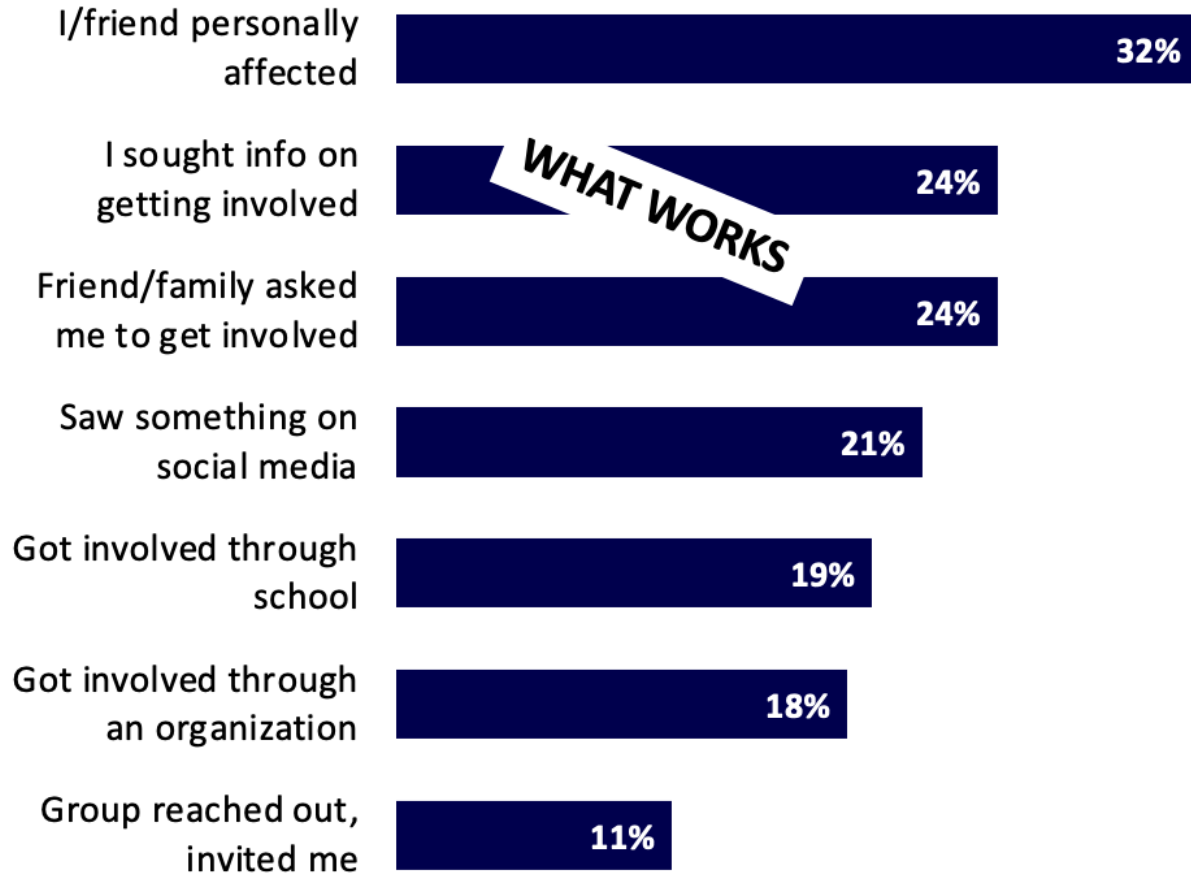
Women are more likely than men to report getting involved in every cause & activity (especially reproductive rights: 29% women, 19% men).



LGBTQ+ adults are more likely than Cis/Hetero adults to be engaged in most activities; this includes efforts to help those facing discrimination, but extends to other issues including the environment and the situation in Gaza.

There are lots of ways to successfully engage young Americans.

Top two reasons I have gotten involved



Top reasons I have not gotten involved

➤ 25% have not gotten involved in a cause/issue they care about.

